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WILSON TO SPEAK AT MARCH 30 MEETING

by

Robert C. Brewster



We're Having a Foggy Bottom Party

— Do Come

by Mary E. Healy

We're having a Party!!! A "Recognition — Thank You Party" for some of our associates and friends who, over many, many years, have contributed of their time, energy and interest to make Foggy Bottom a better place in which to live and work.

Too frequently we just accept the good things about Foggy Bottom as our just due; we don't really think about how they come about. Believe me, they don't just come about; someone or something has to make them happen.

A few weeks ago a few of us were talking about this (Bob Charles, Hal Davitt and I) and we decided it would be nice if the Foggy Bottom community at large said "thank you" to some people who have helped make Foggy Bottom "the best

part of the city." It was not hard to come up with several names very quickly: **Bob Alcorn, Ellie Becker, Al Cottrell, Jim Molinelli, Mel Ogden and John Wilson.** With the mention of their names we can all think of dozens of ways in which each has helped make this a first rate community. To get to the point, we are going to have a first class party to give all of us a chance to personally say thank you — and to have lots of fun. Perhaps similar events will be planned in the future as well.

The party will be on *Thursday, April 30, 1987* from 5:30 to 8:30. It will be a cocktail and hearty buffet party to be hosted by Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center, with contributions from many businesses and individuals in the com-

Councilman John A. Wilson will speak at the FBA meeting at 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 30, 1987, at St. Paul's Church. Wilson, whose annual appearance is a highlight of the FBA year, will discuss Foggy Bottom/West End concerns as well as comment on his efforts to limit the constant rise in D.C. government taxation and spending.

The popular legislator has represented this community in particular and Ward 2 in general for almost fourteen years. A graduate of Maryland State University at Princess Anne, Wilson was early involved in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), becoming its

National Deputy Director. Later he was the Associate and Legislative Director of the National Sharecroppers Fund. In 1971 he was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies. Selected as a Senior Executive of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1985, Wilson also was a Fellow of the Institute for Politics of that school the same year. The University of Maryland presented him with an honorary doctorate in 1986.

As a member of the D.C. Council, Wilson has spearheaded efforts to curb tax increases, provide tax relief to middle class residents, tighten noise control laws, reduce street crime, and up-

date liquor control laws. Whatever his other responsibilities at the Council, and they have been heavy because he is head of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, Wilson has always responded quickly, sympathetically, and effectively to the legitimate concerns of his Foggy Bottom/West End constituents. In recent weeks the Councilmember proposed alternatives to Mayor Barry's FY 1988 budget and tax plan which would cut expenditures proposed by the Mayor, reduce the number of additional personnel the Mayor wants to hire, and cut the tax increase which the Mayor seeks (the so-called "windfall").

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Meeting

Foggy Bottom Association

Speaker

JOHN A. WILSON
Councilmember, Ward 2

8:00 P.M.
MARCH 30, 1987

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.

munity. The evening will be short on speeches and long on friendly conversation, with beautiful music by Joe Burden and his group (both to listen to and dance to — your choice).

Enthusiastic contributions have permitted us to put on this sumptuous affair at a price we feel certain everyone can afford. So, please mark your calendars now for APRIL 30. Tear off the reservation slip below and send it to me with your check **before April 10**. A large turnout is expected, so please get your reservation in early; tickets will be issued on a first-come first-served basis. If the turnout is as expected space could be limited (really). See you *April 30th*.

(See page 4 for reservation form.)

Neighborhood Support Group for St. Mary's Court Formed

By William A. Matthews

Recently, a Neighborhood Support Group for St. Mary's Court was formed. Its purpose is to increase the involvement of Foggy Bottom residents in the activities of the Court; to inform the community of the nature of St. Mary's Court, its residents and resources; and to promote St. Mary's Court as a community center, not only for the elderly but for others as well.

St. Mary's Court is a neighborhood facility for independent elderly persons. Through a network of continuing program activities and supportive services, the concept of congregate living is integrated into the lives of the residents. The program network is the result of cooperative efforts by the public, private, religious and educational sectors of society.

The tangible product is a community arts organization offering professionally led classes on a regular basis for residents and persons in the community. A variety of educational, recreational, social and health-related activities is part of a large program which, with the classes, is open to the area's community at large.

The Group's first undertaking is to initiate means of publicizing forthcoming events and to provide periodic schedules of regular events and classes. News of residents and community persons involved in affairs at the Court will be presented. It also intends to encourage persons living in Foggy Bottom, regardless of age, to participate in the varied activities presented at St. Mary's Court. It is expected that a

calendar of events for May will be available in April.

At one time or another, classes in such subjects as art, poetry, creative writing, dance, t'ai chi, music, yoga, drama and exercises have all been featured at the Court. The larger program includes lectures and slide shows on topics in art history, travelogues, local historical sites and like topics. Trips and tours include art galleries for current shows and permanent collections, tours to such diverse sites as the National Arboretum, the Pennsylvania Dutch Country and cruises on the Potomac. Classes, tours and other programs are free when that is possible. When necessary, a nominal charge to cover operational and supply costs is charged.

FBA Meetings in February

Yet another winter snow storm did not keep some 30 people from attending the Foggy Bottom Association meeting on February 23. Jon Nowick, Chair of the ANC/FBA Committee considering the proposed apartment house development at 26th and L Streets, reported on the status of negotiations with the developer. Representatives of the D.C. Labor and Community Alliance and the Foggy Bottom Chamber Music Society spoke. Vice President Holsey Handyside reported on various

matters, including the B&W Garage building which is not in conformity with the D.C. Zoning Commission's order. The meeting approved a resolution instructing the FBA president to bring the matter to the attention of appropriate authorities and urge them to enforce the Zoning Commission's order.

Representatives of the Police Department and Safeway were not able to attend the February 23 meeting. The Safeway representative may be rescheduled for the April 27 meeting to give

the community an opportunity to comment on the new Food Emporium in the Watergate.

The Executive Board met on February 16. Among other things, it heard a report on the 26th and L Street project; discussed the Foggy Bottom Historic District; voted to contribute \$300 toward a function to honor various Foggy Bottom persons; and agreed to support the efforts of the Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise (CAAN), a non-profit organization of residents of Virginia, D.C., and Maryland who live under the flight path of National Airport and who seek to reduce the noise it causes.

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Something You Ought to Know About

by Kirsten L. Olsen

Hidden in an innocuous building, cleverly situated between Columbia Hospital, the Grand Hotel and the police station on the corner of 24th and L Streets, sits our (semi) private little West End Branch of the District of Columbia Public Library. Now for those residents of Foggy Bottom who have not been there/walked by there/or read anything more lengthy than the back of a cereal box lately, I'm going to encourage, no, INSIST that you at least finish this article and find out what neat stuff is over there.

First of all, let's talk magazines. Talk about one-third, even one-half off the cover prices; I mean these are free to read, and there are some pretty cool ones for you under-30 crowd. For instance, to get in style they take *Vogue*, *GQ*, *Vanity Fair*, for starters. For the investor, the West End takes *Business Week*, *Money*, *Forbes*, *Fortune* and *Financial World* — enough to straighten out your finances I hope. For intellectuals, or the wannabe's, they carry *Harper's*, *The Nation*, *The Atlantic Monthly*. For strictly "read anytime" fares, they carry *Travel-Holiday*, *Connoisseur*, *Motor Trend*, *Popular Science*, *Ms.*, *New York*, *Washingtonian*, *Ebony*, *Popular Photography*, and so on.

In addition, back issues of the magazines are kept from about 1970, but you have to ask for those.

The recent fiction and non-fiction section (on the far right around the corner by the magazines) features a ton of new releases. A few I picked out but haven't read yet: *Diary of a Yuppie*, by Louis Auchincloss (of course fiction); a novel by Nancy Zarovus, *Certain Kinds Of Loving*; some "suspense" thrillers like *Dead Romantic* by Simon Brett; or *Where Nobody*

hardback. (I suppose those of you who like these books know who you are.)

An especially useful file (considering this is Washington) is the Agency file, which lists many of the special interest groups in Washington, what they are, and how to contact them. For instance, it contains information on associations like "Artists for Disarma-

Kreskin" by the man himself; phone books from Harrisburg, Pa., to Bismarck, Montana (if you have many friends there); the scouts' merit badge series if you still have a few to earn; the Best Plays series; "You and Your Aging Parent" by Barbara Silverstone and Helen Kardelhyman; and the surprising book, "The Best Things in New York Are Free" by Maria Hamilton.

Hidden upstairs are three meeting rooms available for your own little favorite group, or to use to work on projects, etc. Just sign up with the library and bring in your friends.

Well, I am sure you have lots of things to do (like go to the library) so I'll leave you with just a few more notes. Copies cost 15¢, tax forms are in the glass booth on the left as you walk in the door, half a room upstairs is devoted to kids' books, they have albums you can check out (heavy on the classical side) and a few language records with booklets as well. They have a general information table with voter forms, etc. and rotating stands of current what I call "trash-but fun to read" books (e.g. Kitty Kelley, Peter Benchley, William F. Buckley).

All you need is an I.D. to show your present Foggy Bottom address in your sweaty little hand, or a work I.D. that shows your work address as being in Foggy Bottom, and the magical doors will open for you too. It also gives access to D.C.'s other libraries as well.

Oh yes, I was supposed to mention again the library's "Great Books" series where you read a book on their list and then get together with others to discuss it and hopefully gain more insight into the work and the author.

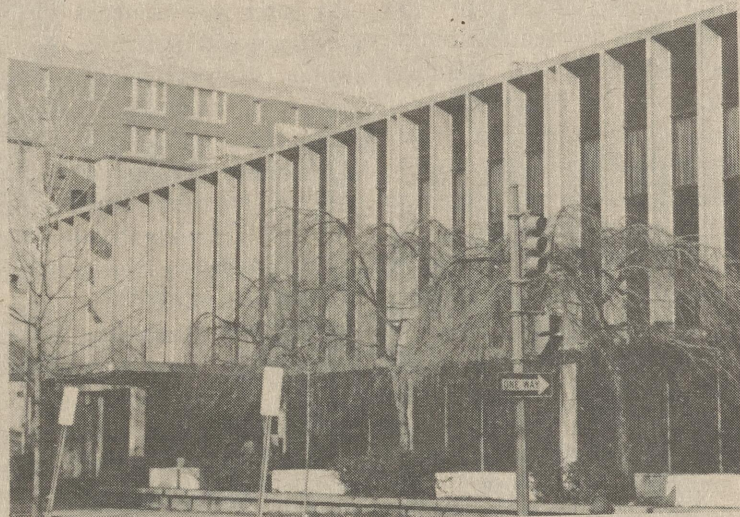
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ment," the "Central Hiking Club of DC," the "Cataract Center," and services including nannies for your kids and how to learn to scuba dive. These cards describe the group and what they do, any age or pet requirements, the association's address, telephone number, dues, officers, and contacts for the organization. Just the thing if you are doing research or have a phobia to cure.

And yes, ladies and gentlemen, that's not all! The library also has books on how to write resumes, how to build more storage space (everyone in Foggy Bottom could use that one, I'm sure) and travel books both picture books like the "Great Cities" series and practical books like Fodor's budget guides, and Frommer's \$25 dollar-a-day guides.

To round out the selections, the library has enough atlases to take you several times around the world (and big enough so even obscure places like Bernardstown, New Jersey are listed). Also while you're there take a turn through the reference section and unearth such classics as Lisa Binbach's *College Guide* that contains such practical sections as "Do We Have to Know This?," "Academics in the 80's." Of course what Washington library would be complete without Emily Post's *Etiquette Guide*, and *Who's Who*.

I almost forgot to mention some other brain-tingling items like "The Amazing World of



Dies by Carolyn Wheat (a Cass Jameson mystery).

On the non-fiction side there are weighty books like *The FBI-KGB War* by Robert Lamphere and Tom Shachtman, and *To Africa With Love* (ala Meryl Streep?) by Carroll Baker and light things like *Fumble* by James Kirby about Bear Bryant, Wally Butts and the Great Football Scandal.

The West End has a formidable mystery and suspense section both in paperback and

Update:

Helipad Approved, GW Hospital Notified

The George Washington University Medical Center is due to receive this week official notification that the airspace restrictions have been waived to allow the possible installation of a helipad on Square 40.

Square 40, currently a GW parking lot adjacent to the Metro station, will now be studied by the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Eastern Regional Office for the feasibility of that area for a helipad. According to Joanne Sloane, spokesperson for the FAA in Washington, the Falls Church branch of the eastern regional office will most likely conduct the research.

The study, which Sloane said would probably take several months, would also examine noise and environmental problems. Final approval for the installation of the helipad, Sloane said, would probably involve the District in some way, but she said as yet she did not know to what extent.

St. Stephen's Presents April Lectures

St. Stephen Martyr Church proudly presents Sister Mary Ann Getty and John Langden, S.J. Sister Mary Ann Getty will speak on "Women and Ministry in the Early Church" at 7:00 pm on Tuesday evening, April 7. She is a professor of scripture at Catholic University.

John Langden, S.J. will speak on "The Bishops' Pastoral on the Economy" (What the Bishops really say) on Tuesday, April 21. Father Langden is a professor of social ethics at Georgetown University.

Both presentations will take place in St. Stephen's church hall, located on 25th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and K Street, N.W.

Actually, this schedule is a nice change for those of you who do frequent the library, since in earlier years the schedule was much shorter due to the budget ax. (For additional information call 727-1397; tell 'em Kirsten sent ya.)

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District residents who have retired on government pensions have long been in need of some type of income tax relief, as many other states now provide. This need is even more imperative with the recent Congressional repeal of the federal income tax rule allowing a retiree three years to recover his or her contributions to a retirement plan without being taxed.

As Chairperson of the Council's Committee on Finance and Revenue, it has always been my goal to impose taxes as fairly as possible. To alleviate your in-

creasing income tax burden, I proposed and the Council enacted a measure which exempts from your taxable income the first \$3,000 received from a government pension. This measure became law on December 12, 1986. The instructions for claiming your exemption are explained on page 5 of your District of Columbia Income Tax Form.

As your Ward Two Councilmember, it was my pleasure to provide some tax relief for my constituency in 1986. Please rest assured that I will, as a part of the District's 1987 tax reform legislation, include this \$3,000 exemption for enactment on a permanent basis for future years. If you have questions or would like more information on the exemption, please call my committee staff on 724-8126.

Sincerely,

John A. Wilson
Councilmember, Ward Two

To the Editor:

I recently moved into the Foggy Bottom area, and I am finding it difficult to become acquainted with the neighborhood. One particular problem is amusing, yet somewhat embarrassing. I live in a building that has no laundry facilities and cart my dirty clothing to a friend's house in the suburbs which is quite an inconvenience. Most of my neighbors are students, so they take their

laundry to the GW dormitories. But where can I take my clothes?

This is a very silly request, but serious: would it be possible for the *Foggy Bottom News* to somehow inform the residents of the area of available laundry facilities? I would sincerely appreciate this, and I am sure others would also. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A Foggy Bottom Resident

WORD OF MOUTH

by Jeffrey S. Balter, DDS, PC

Dentistry for Two

Pregnancy can be a special time and, when you are pregnant, great effort should be made to follow good health practices. Included in this should be a continuation of your regular dental care. It is especially important to maintain good oral hygiene because pregnancy, with its associated hormonal changes, can cause your gums to become red, swollen and tender. They may bleed easily whenever they are brushed. This condition is called "pregnancy gingivitis," and it is an overreaction of your gums to the presence of unremoved plaque. A thorough cleaning early in

your pregnancy along with daily brushing, flossing and proper diet can go a long way in helping to avoid these problems. While almost all dental procedures can be safely performed during pregnancy, it is wise to try to prevent problems during this time. A good diet developed in consultation with your obstetrician can provide the extra calcium and other nutrients you and your developing baby need. And the care provided through the combined efforts of your dentist and dental hygienist can help you enjoy good dental health both during and after your pregnancy.

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EARLY DAY FOGGY BOTTOM

We continue the series that we gleaned from articles on Old Washington written by John Clagett Proctor for the "Sunday Star" over a period of many years. A complete file of these fascinating articles may be found in the Washingtoniana Room of the Main Public Library. The following piece by Proctor appeared in the "Sunday Star," June 2, 1940.

Christian Hines, who published his "Early Recollections of Washington City" in 1866, lived for a few years within the boundaries of old Hamburg [ancestor of Foggy Bottom], where his father (the writer's great-great-grandfather) John Hines, moved in December 1799. Mr. Hines says:

"The first house we lived in was an old two-story frame on F Street, between 21st and 22nd. Our neighbors were few and far between, the nearest being William King, esq., who lived in a brick house near F and 20th. The greatest difficulty we experienced was getting water, as there were few pumps and they at a great distance; so we had to go to a spring near Hamburg Wharf, not far from the old glasshouse (about half a mile distant), and occasionally to old Mr. Wilson's near I and 21st Streets."

According to the same author, the following houses were standing in Hamburg in the early 1800's: In the square bounded by C and D, 22nd and 23rd Streets, a frame house owned and occupied by Thomas Smith, colored; in the block to the east of this, one large frame house occupied by a Mr. Willard and known as Willard's Spring Garden; in the square between F and G, 21st and 22nd Streets, one two-story frame occupied by John Hines during the years 1799 and 1800. Down toward the river, south of B Street, and between 21st and 22nd Streets, near Hamburg Wharf, lived a Mr. Stevens in a small frame dwelling in which he kept a grocery store. William King, and later Joseph Forrest, owned and occupied a one-story brick dwelling in the block between E and F, 20th and 21st Streets, and in the same square lived a school-teacher named Ferrel, in a large frame house. Between F and G, 19th and 20th Streets, was a two-story frame occupied by a Mr. Smoot.

Coningham's brewery was also in old Hamburg as early as 1799, in a stone building in the block bounded by 21st, 22nd, B Street (now Constitution Avenue) and the Potomac. It was operated by C. Coningham

and Co. Dr. Cornelius Coningham, the head of the firm, was a physician as well as a brewer and lived on the premises in order to see the work well done. However, he did not conduct his business there for very long but soon moved to the Navy Yard section of the city. He was a native of England.

Of two sites set apart by Jacob Funk for church purposes — one at the corner of 22nd and G Streets and the other at 20th and G Streets, one for a Calvinist society and the other for a Lutheran society — only the latter was occupied in accordance with the desire of the donor. However, no effort was made to build churches on these sites for a long while. Concordia German Lutheran Church erected a building on the 20th Street site shortly after 1830. This later gave way to the present structure.

The old glasshouse, before referred to, stood from 1809 to 1846, being located about where is Constitution Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets, near Coningham's brewery. Subsequently another factory for the making of glass was built on the east side of Rock Creek at 26th and N Streets. It was destroyed by fire once and rebuilt, and in all lasted but a few years. Not far west on the first glasshouse was Lear's Wharf — between 26th Street and the Potomac, and F and G Streets — of which Mr. Hines says:

"About this time, 1800, the seat of government was being removed from Philadelphia to Washington City. The vessels which brought the furniture, etc. landed and discharged their cargoes at Lear's Wharf, and as the vessels were unloaded their contents were carted

away to the War and Navy offices, the only two government offices that were built at the time."

An early writer on Washington history expressed his views of "Foggy Bottom" thus:

"This locality, embracing the low grounds south of F Street and extending from 17th Street west to Rock Creek, was before the draining of the grounds noted for its unhealthfulness, as will be remembered by many of our old residents. The "Foggy Bottom" chills were sufficient to deter more persons from settling in that region, and little or no business was done there except by the duckers and fishermen who occupied the tenements erected near the river. Until a few years past, probably not more than a score of houses dotted the southern portion of this locality, and its desolate appearance made it look as if it might be the abode of 'ghosts and spirits' who haunt the night."

"Within a few years past this locality has been greatly improved by drainage, and quite a number of fine houses occupy the former sites of the old frog ponds and marshy places which the boys were wont to explore in pursuit of frogs, catfish, and mud-turtles. The incessant croakings of the frogs at night in this section of the city and its lonely and desolate appearance often furnished material for marvelous stories of ghostly sights, etc., which with the superstitious surroundings of an old fortune teller who lived for many years in this locality, served the double purpose of the old woman in gaining support and securing the confidence of her customers."

(Represented from the December 1959 *Foggy Bottom News*.)

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Foggy Bottom's Science Fiction and Mystery Bookseller:

Hidden from View

by Kirsten L. Olsen

At the bottom of a narrow stairwell in one of the last turn-of-the-century townhouses on Pennsylvania Avenue is a bookstore the likes of which can only be found a few places in the country.

Moonstone Bookcellars, tak-

son, Michael, currently owns the store and had helped his father open it, having had experience running bookstores in both Baltimore and Amsterdam. Michael now lives in California, while Phil's wife, Rachel, still resides in Baltimore.

art was popular for a time, but now has a smaller following. In addition, Taylor says, the group which reads science fiction/fantasy/mystery changes as well. Currently, Taylor says the public is being very responsive to new writers. Of course the



ing its name from the 1868 science-fiction classic by Wilkie Collins and where it is located, is a 400-square-foot bookstore specializing in science fiction, mystery and fantasy reading — the only shop of its kind in downtown Washington.

The books, including hardbacks, paperbacks, signed first editions and historical forerunners, line the shop from floor to ceiling, leaving just a small spot for the door and the cash register.

Bill Taylor has been the manager of the store for three years and calls the tiny shop an "island of gentility" in the busy "Golden Triangle" commercial area, of which the shop is on the fringe. (The area includes K Street, Connecticut Avenue, and M Street).

The shop, which sells about 24,000 books a year, Taylor estimates, was opened October 31, 1975 by Phil Grossfield, a Baltimore resident. Grossfield ran the shop for 11 years until his death in late October of last year. Taylor says Grossfield ran it as a hobby. Grossfield's

The store itself is primarily run day-to-day by Taylor, with some additional staff. Taylor, who says he is "amazed" how well the store does, says he didn't ever plan to be managing Moonstone.

A native of D.C., Taylor was working as a comic colorist when he heard the bookstore he had frequented needed help. Having read science fiction, etc. since he was 10 years old, he thought it would be fun to work parttime for the store. Shortly thereafter, they needed a manager, and though he hadn't run a bookstore before they decided to give him a chance. He ended up putting aside his coloring aspirations to manage the store.

Taylor says he probably has read about 200 of the books in the store, and tries to keep up with current selections so he can recommend them to the customers. Books Taylor particularly enjoys he puts a little label on so customers can see how he rates the different selections. In addition, the store produces a quarterly newsletter, edited by Gary Heiselberg, which just celebrated its first birthday.

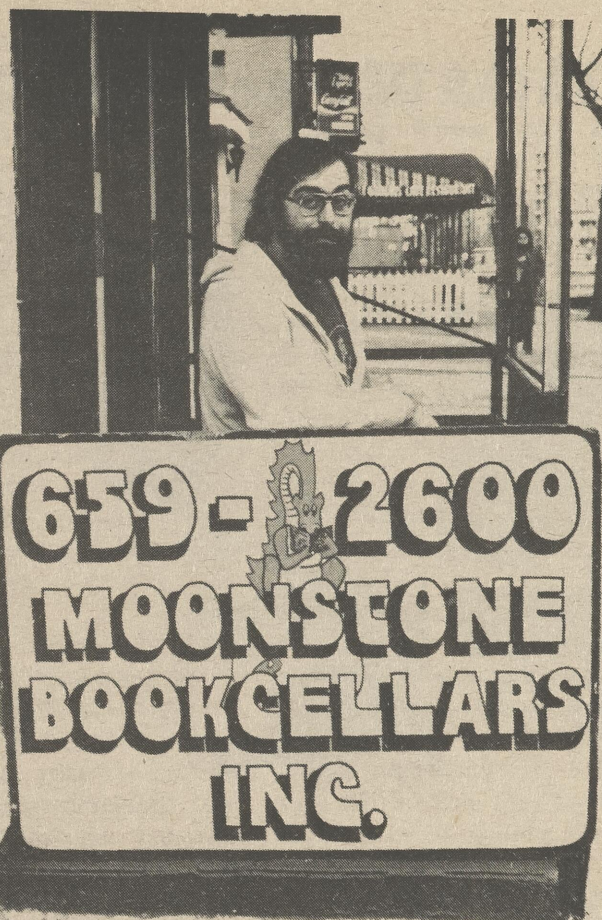
Taylor says the store does good business, for instance, over the last two years, selling 600 copies of *Neuromancer* by William Gibson, but Taylor says this kind of reading goes in boom-and-bust cycles. A peak year for science fiction was 1979 with the Star Wars movies being popular. Science fiction

better-known authors like Isaac Asimov and Robert Heinlein still sell well.

Moonstone is currently about 60/40 science fiction to fantasy/mystery. Fantasy tends to be "escapist," says Taylor, while science fiction is a more factually-based type of writing. Best sellers, he says, he basically "tends to ignore because our customers tend to ignore them." Once a book becomes a best-seller, Taylor says the number of copies Moonstone sells drops dramatically, since the book is then sold at drugstores and discount bookstores. But many books which will never be best-sellers, says Taylor, sell well because they still are very good.

Because of Moonstone's specialty subjects, Taylor says there are hardly ever discounts, though the store does have its "Budget Book" shelf. The shop does a lot of business in back orders, Taylor says. Books generally stay on the shelves about 6 months before they are sent back to the publishers.

The store also has editions like specially leather-bound



books and large print editions, in addition to children's selections.

Taylor says it is difficult to sum out the typical customer of Moonstone Bookcellars. In general, Taylor says they tend to be individualistic and well-educated, they love reading, and appreciate finer books.

Taylor calls the store "tiny but well-stocked," and has plans to expand the titles Moonstone carries.

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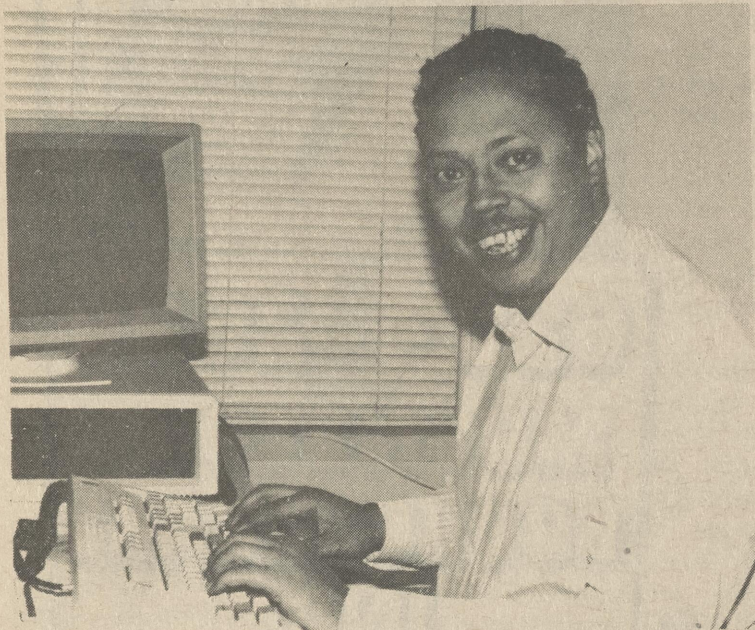
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Name: George Royal

Hometown: Urbana, Ohio

Business: Owns computer software company

Hobbies: Jazz/classical music

Address: 2532 Eye Street, N.W.

"What I like best is solving problems," says George Royal, a Foggy Bottom resident since 1981.

Royal's company, the First Calvin Corporation, does just that by developing software for public agencies, associations, utilities, etc. As he will be celebrating his company's first anniversary in April, he plans to release a new word processing program for utilities.

A jazz pianist in school who played with Hank Mobley and Philly Joe Jones in New York City and Germany, Royal moved to Foggy Bottom from Philadelphia. He was spending weeks at a time in Washington working for a Philadelphia firm, and fell in love with Foggy Bottom and decided to move here when he was able. He lives in a small (circa 1910 he estimates) townhouse on Eye Street, and says he finds his neighbors "very warm. (They're) very much willing to help each other out."

Originally Royal got an architecture degree in structural design from the University of Pennsylvania, but especially became interested in computers

when he was working on a Montgomery County Park & Planning Commission project from 1975-78. Royal formulated computer usage models for the county. In fact, Royal says, part of those models are still being used today.

Never married, Royal says he is a "great scratch soup cook." (The secret, he says, is giving it enough simmering time.) His favorite dish is blackened redfish. Though he "loves to cook," he does eat out a lot, and a couple of his favorites are The Palm and the Inn at Foggy Bottom.

As for classical music, a hobby, he likes late 19th century, early 20th century composers, particularly Schoenberg and Stravinsky. However, live performances of these composers can be difficult to find, he admits.

Plans for the future include repainting his town house and fixing the settlement cracks from the Metro, which goes right under the street. The only time he hears it, he says, is on calm summer evenings when he can hear a faint rumble. Most of the time it doesn't bother him, though, since it's drowned out by the airplanes from the National Airport.

Royal likes tennis and basketball also, and as spring comes to the city, he can't resist the urge to seek out a court.

Highlights of ANC-2A Monthly Meetings February 10, 1987

Columbia Hospital Renovation: Mr. Richard Mirabelli, Administrator at the Columbia Hospital for Women, described the 3-phase renovation and expansion project that the hospital is about to undertake. Phase 1 will involve the expansion of the main lobby, for 3000 sq. ft. of additional space; Phase 2 will focus on the upgrading of mechanical, heating and electrical systems; and Phase 3 will involve two additions to the building, a three-story addition at the NE corner and a two-story addition at the SE corner. Rezoning will be required for the NE and SE corner additions because the hospital is a non-conforming structure. Commissioner Rosenbaum expressed concern with the rezoning proposal and with the need to make the new additions compatible with the existing building facade.

In response to a request from Mr. Mirabelli, the ANC voted unanimously to write a letter in support of a Certificate of Need for this hospital. There will be further discussions about the issues of zoning and building design.

Statehood for D.C.: Mr. Johnny Barnes, Chief of Staff, Congressman Fauntroy's Office, reported that Congressman Fauntroy has introduced HR 51, which would provide statehood for D.C. and he urged the ANC and residents of the area to support the bill by "adopting" a member of Congress and lobbying for statehood. In response to questions from the

Commission, Mr. Barnes said that a Task Force has been set up to propose revisions to the D.C. Constitution, and that the proposed legislature for the District would be unicameral, with the chief executive being the governor. The existing federal enclave would remain, administered by a federal official.

Parking Lot, 23rd and L Streets NW: Police Capt. Widawski presented the case for allowing the green space next to the Division's building to be gravelled over for use as an additional parking lot, since the police are not able to find parking spaces for their private cars. Commercial parking lots in the area are very expensive and the D.C. government has not provided funding for use of commercial lots. Public transportation and car pools are not feasible, considering the hours worked and the areas from which the station draws its staff. The police at the station will provide the funds for the gravel from their own pockets. Capt. Widawski argued that the arrangement would not be precedent-setting and

that it was necessary to allow the Division to carry on its work. The Captain has applied to the D.C. DPW for a parking permit for the space.

Several of the Commissioners objected to the use of the green space for parking, while agreeing that something must be done to alleviate the situation. Commissioner Rosenbaum suggested that the ANC contact Councilmember Wilson about the possibility of D.C. funding for space at a nearby commercial lot. Commissioners Rosenbaum and Clapp will confer with Capt. Widawski about the problem before the next ANC meeting.

ANC By-Laws Revision: The Commission voted unanimously to approve a revision to the By-Laws, which will allow each Commissioner to have two Special Assistants, each to be residents of his/her Single Member District.

Circle Theatre Asbestos Issue: The Commission voted unanimously to approve a letter to the Mayor asking for a review of the procedures for issuing demolition permits in light of the circumstances attending demolition of the Circle Theatre. The permit was issued (and no additional precautions ta-

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Tuesday, April 14

Red Cross Building

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ken) even though there was a possibility of the presence of a substantial amount of asbestos in the theatre. The letter asks that the District create a requirement of a certified inspection for asbestos in older buildings before any demolition permits are issued and that the city act to recover from the owners of the building the costs incurred in the clean-up of the debris from the theatre.

Circle Theatre: Traceries Testimony: Commissioner Striner reviewed the issue of Ms. Eig's willingness to testify in opposition to landmark designation of the Circle Theatre, her failure to notify the ANC that she intended to testify, and the ANC's disappointment with her position on the matter, particularly in view of the long-standing contractual relationship which the ANC has had with Ms. Eig and Traceries. Ms. Eig's recent letter explaining her position on the matter did not adequately address ANC concerns. Commissioner Clapp recommended that the ANC write Ms. Eig again, commenting on her letter, terminating her services to the ANC, and asking that copies of all work done under contract with the ANC be provided to the Commission.

Griffin Condo Parking Spaces: Ron Jackson, D.C. Traffic Bureau, reported that the Griffin has requested permission to eliminate one parking space in front of the building in order to allow for better accessibility to the building, particularly for elderly residents. A motion that the ANC support the Griffin's request passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tyler asked that the Bureau take more vigorous action against illegal parking in the area. Mr. Jackson replied that additional staff

has been hired and that they will be increasing their enforcement activities.

Residential Project, 26th and L Streets, N.W.: Jon Nowick, chairman of the ad hoc ANC/FBA committee set up several months ago to work with the developer on design and use issues, reported that the commit-



tee met on Jan. 28 and reiterated its concerns:

1. The new building must conform with existing structures in the area in height, bulk and scale;
2. Rentals must be long-term;
3. In-building parking must be increased.

The developer has responded to these concerns, but the committee felt the response was inadequate. A meeting with the architect also yielded no concessions on design, since he views the scale of the new building in relation to buildings city-wide and on Pennsylvania Avenue, rather than in relation to nearby structures such as the Westbridge. The proposed height of the new structure is 97 feet, another committee concern.

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Ms. Liberman, attorney for the developer, asked that members of the FBA and the ANC and the architect from the ad hoc committee meet once more with the developer and his architect, to discuss the issues and to try to resolve them before the Public Hearing on April 9.

Mr. Clapp commented that ANC support for additional FAR (which it had indicated would be forthcoming if agreement could be reached on the issues raised by the committee) would be very valuable to the developer and that they were not an insignificant consideration.

B and W Garage, 1250 24th Street: The former owner of the garage expressed concern at what he saw as a clear violation of the zoning order by the new owner, who had painted the red brick garage white, had used clear glass instead of green glass, and had allowed a portion of the building which was supposed to be saved to be demolished. He asked that the ANC seek a stop-work order on the building. Commissioner Striner requested a copy of the zoning order and any covenants that might have been agreed to by the new owner. Commissioner Tyler asked that any resolution regarding the building be submitted to the Commission before the meeting at which it would be reviewed. The issue will be considered again at the next ANC meeting.

New Business

925 25th Street, N.W.: Continuation of a Special Excep-

tion (SE) for parking for the tenants of the building.

Commissioner Tyler reported that the tenants' association at 925 25th Street approves of the application for continuation of the use of premises at the rear of the building for a parking lot. The property is zoned R5B so it cannot be used for parking without a Special Exception. It has been so used for 3 years, under previous SE's.

Commissioner Tyler moved, and Commissioner Clapp seconded a motion, that the ANC support the application for a SE. The vote to support the application was unanimous.

24th and N Streets, N.W.: Commissioner Rosenbaum reported that Boston Properties is planning to put an office building on the site, part of which has already been developed commercially, in spite of the fact that the firm had promised the ANC that any future development would be residential. Boston Properties will try to rezone the site. He was further concerned that the Fine Arts Commission (which has jurisdiction because the property abuts Rock Creek Park) has already approved the design. His concern was that their approval would be taken to mean approval of proposed use, which it is not.

There was a discussion on how the ANC's could get the Fine Arts Commission to take their concerns into account in making decisions and how they can get the Commission to notify them when cases in their districts are to be reviewed. The ANC will work with other ANC's and the Fine Arts Commission to set up appropriate notification procedures. Commissioner Striner expressed his concern that the Fine Arts Commission can be used by developers to by-pass the ANC's and other neighborhood groups.

He will ask Congressman Fauntroy to look into the matter.

Commissioner Rosenbaum has already notified Councilmember Wilson and Planning Director Greene of the ANC's opposition to the project. Other Planning Office staff will also be notified.

New ABC Law (S-504): Mr. Nowick reported that the ad hoc committees set up by the FBA and the ANC had been instrumental in saving parts of the bill which gave neighborhood residents more say in the liquor license approval process. The final bill was disappointing in some aspects and good in others. He promised to give the ANC a more thorough analysis of the new law in a couple of months, after he has had a chance to study it. Mr. Levy suggested making the new law the subject of a joint FBA/ANC meeting.

Woodward Building, 15th Street Historic District: Commissioner Striner read a letter from Professor Longstreth, head of the Historic Preservation Program at George Washington University, asking that the ANC express opposition to the proposed demolition of the Woodward Building, a designated landmark under the District's Preservation ordinance. The owner is seeking demolition approval by arguing that his project has special merit and that it is not economically feasible to rehabilitate the building. The demolition is being opposed by the Committee of 100 for the Federal City, and the demolition application has been rejected by the Historic Preservation Review Board. They can be overridden, however, if the owner can convince the D.C. Historic Preservation Officer that the project has special merit. A hearing on the

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case is scheduled for March 13. Permission to demolish, Commission Striner argued, would constitute a threat to historic districts throughout the city.

The ANC opposes the granting of a demolition permit, and will testify at the hearing.

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GWU Campus Historic Buildings: Ms. Andy Adams, Wilkes and Artis (who, per the agreement between the ANC and George Washington University, prepared the landmark nomination forms for seven buildings on the GW campus) explained the designation process. The D.C. Office of Historic Preservation will be handling the nomination as a group, but a separate staff report will be written on each building. The nomination forms will be submitted to the D.C. Preservation Office as soon as they are signed by the ANC and GW, the co-applicants. There will be a public hearing on the nominations at which the ANC and GW will make statements of support, and the staff reports of the Preservation Office will be presented. Ms. Adams will also do the National Register forms for the buildings, so that they can be submitted for listing on the Register if they are approved

for landmark designation by the D.C. Review Board.

The nominated buildings are: Rice Hall, 714 21st Street; Woodhull House, 2033 G Street; the President's Offices, 700 20th Street; Corcoran Hall, 721 21st Street; Stockton Hall, 720 20th Street; Hattie N. Strong Residence Hall, 620 21st Street; and Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street.

Mr. Dickman (G.W. University) reminded the ANC that the agreement drawn up by the ANC and GW specified that only these buildings would be nominated. Any additional nominations on the part of the ANC would be seen by GW as a violation of their agreement and would result in a delay in processing the completed nominations.

Regional Airport Authority: Ms. Sue Silverman, FAA Community Representative for National Airport, discussed the recently-approved transfer of Dulles and National airports to a Regional Airport Authority managed by a Board with members from Virginia, Maryland, and the District. She commented briefly on some of the projects which the Board plans to undertake, such as a parking garage at National and

a new mid-field terminal at Dulles. In response to questions about airplane noise, she explained that Congress has frozen the maximum number of landings per hour at National for the next 50 years to 37 an hour, 24 hours a day. She urged citizens concerned about the number of flights and the noise level to petition the Board to reduce nighttime flights.

District Airport Authority members are Polly Shackleton, Elijah Rogers, and Ron Litton.

26th and L Streets, N.W., status of proposed apartment development: Mr. Nowick, Chairman of the ad hoc ANC-FBA Committee, reported that several meetings have been held and that some progress (but not enough) had been made in resolving the issues raised by the Committee. A Zoning Commission hearing on the project is scheduled for April 9, at 7 p.m., at the District Building. The key issues are: Parking: the developer has agreed to increase the number of parking spaces to 46, but the Committee feels that this is still too few. Height and bulk: the building was originally to be 97 feet high, with a 15-foot embellishment. It has now been reduced to 93 feet, with a 10-foot embellishment. The Committee is still concerned about the proposed building's bulk and is seeking a reduction in FAR. Entrances: Originally, there was to be an entrance on only the L Street side of the building; a door has now been added on the 26th Street side, but it will lead only to the commercial space on the street level. Long-term residential use: The Committee is not satisfied with the developer's position on this point; specifically, rental to an unspecified number of corporations would be allowed, a condition that the Committee feels is not conducive to long-term residential use of the facilities. Ms. Liberman, an attorney for the developer, commented that their architects are working on increasing the setback, which will reduce the FAR and the structure's bulk. Also, there will be no furnished units, and all leases will be for one year or more.

Columbia Hospital for Women Expansion Plans: Mr. Mirabelli, Hospital Administrator, expressed his appreciation for the ANC's letter of support for a Certificate of Need for the hospital's expansion/renovation program. He went on to say that, because the ANC had expressed reservations about the hospital's proposed rezoning

request and the amount of floor space that could have been added under it, they were prepared to scale it back. Originally, the hospital had planned to ask for rezoning from R-5-B to R-5-C, which would, if approved, have given them a 3.5 FAR and 350,000 square feet of usable space. They are still planning to seek R-5-C zoning, but a covenant restricting the hospital to 230,000 square feet would be attached. Currently, hospital facilities cover 161,000 square feet.

ditional information on the situation.

Bristol Hotel, 24th and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.: Proposal for an outdoor cafe: Mr. Rizzi, Hotel Manager, asked for ANC support for the Hotel's plan to add a small outdoor cafe consisting of 9 tables and 28 chairs, surrounded by 36" high concrete flower boxes. The furniture and flower boxes would be seasonal, removed in the late fall and winter. The ANC put off a vote on the re-



There was some discussion of whether the hospital planned to convert street parking for residential use, now that its garage is finished. Mr. Mirabelli commented that he did not know how much space would actually be available, but that he would be happy to explore the possibility with Mrs. Tyler.

In response to Mr. Mirabelli's request for ANC support for the Hospital's scaled-down zoning request, the ANC voted to support the change, with the addition of a covenant limiting the amount of space to be used to 230,000 square feet.

B and W Garage: Mr. Dale Barnhart, representing the former owner of the garage, Mr. Brown, asked that the ANC write the Zoning Administrator in support of Mr. Brown's request for a "stop work" order, citing the developer's violation of the approved plans for the building and of provisions of Zoning Commission Order No. 453 dated April 8, 1985. The facade of the building has been painted white, rather than being left its original brick color, and its window glass is green instead of clear. Mr. Clapp asked the Commission to put off a vote on the request until the next meeting, by which time the ANC could obtain ad-

ditional information on the situation. Mr. Striner asked that the Committee chairmanships be formalized at the next meeting and that Ms. Lois Zuckerman be confirmed as one of his two special assistants. It was reported that Mrs. Snyderman is working on the Foggy Bottom National Register Historic District nomination.

(The G.W. helipad and police parking lot at 23rd and L Streets were not discussed.)

Mr. Striner also suggested that the new rush hour bus stops at the southeast corner of 22nd and G be discussed at the next meeting. The stops eliminate several parking spaces. He would also like to have the ANC consider a joint public meeting with the FBA on the proposed new sentencing guidelines.



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